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Park Wildflower Update: 4/19/19

- 1. **Visitor Center area:** Perennial shrubs, trees, late annuals, and cacti in Visitor Center garden; along paved trail to campground; walk cross-country west of our parking lot; walk back into Hellhole Canyon.
- 2. **Borrego Palm Canyon:** Alternate Trail (starts a short way up the paved path to the campfire center) and Main Trail both have shrubs in bloom. Notice the fragrant Indigo Bush. Search for Apricot Mallow.

Please carry (and drink!) plenty of water for this 3-mile roundtrip hike.

- 3. **Montezuma Valley Road:** As you drive between Ranchita and Borrego Springs, scan the mountainsides for brittlebush, cacti, ocotillo, and a few surprises. Shrubs and cacti, as well as some annuals, may still be blooming in and around Culp Valley primitive camp.
- 4. The Ocotillo Forest: South from Borrego Springs on Borrego Springs Road; many ocotillos in bloom.
- 5. **Plum Canyon:** Walk or drive (2WD vehicles should stay right at fork) for dispersed shrubs, cacti, agave, and succulents on the canyon wall. Continue up the Riding and Hiking Trail for scenic view.
 - Try also the Cactus Loop Trail (across S-3 from Tamarisk Grove) for cacti in bloom.
- 6. **Highway S-2 Blair Valley to Vallecito County Park:** Enter Blair Valley near mile marker 23 on Highway S-2 for large primitive camping area, some flowers, and short hikes to the Morteros and to the Marshal South Homesite. Vault toilet. Yellow goldfields may be persisting in Little Blair Valley, along with blooming yucca and agave. Only 4WD vehicles should attempt the road to the Pictographs trailhead. Continue south on S-2 for roadside cacti, phacelia, agave, yucca all the way to Vallecito County Park.

